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1. EMBASSY CAN ADVISE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THAT AL-
THOUGH USG WOULD PREFER CONSULTATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
TO BE CONSISTENT WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT, LATE MAY WOULD
BE SATISFACTORY. SUGGEST MAY 24 AND 25 AS POSSIBLE DATES.
USG HOPES USSR WILL KEEP ITS DELEGATION TO 4 OR 5 MEMBERS.
USDA HAS IN MIND TRIP OF 10 TO 14 DAYS FOR USSR DELEGATION.
COULD BE CUT TO 7 TO 10 DAYS. TRIP WOULD INCLUDE VISITS
TO SEVERAL MAJOR GRAIN COMMERCIAL CENTERS SUCH AS KANSAS
CITY, MINNEAPOLIS, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK AND PORT FACILITIES
AT NEW ORLEANS AND HOUSTON. PRODUCTION AREAS PROBABLY
WOULD INCLUDE TEXAS AND KANSAS FOR WHEAT AND GRAIN SORGHUM
AND ILLINOIS FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS. TRIP CAN BE TAILORED
TO MEET USSR DELEGATION SPECIFIC INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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